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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, SIBLEY FIELD, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

- SAMSON CONTOUR ENERGY E&P, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:
- 1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV RA SUI through CV RA SUL.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To designate unit wells for, and a unit Operator of, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
- 4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 148-K, effective August 19, 1997, to the proposed additional units.
 - 5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 148-K, effective August 19, 1997.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person

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wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated July 8, 2004, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a preapplication conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for July 29, 2004. While a request for the pre-application conference was received, it was subsequently withdrawn; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed units, which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sibley Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Tours very truly

David I Smelley

Attorney for Samson Contour Energy E&P, L.L.C.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Dennis Ritter (w/encls.) Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

